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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Page 2, second column, line 6 of Other Publications: "Apr. 15, 1000" should read  
--Apr. 15, 2000--.

Page 2, second column, Other Publications: The eighth and ninth listed references are  
the same. The S. Cardoso et al. reference should appear only once.

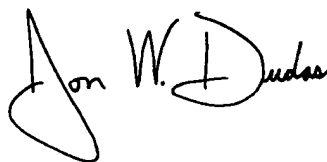
Column 54, line 64(claim 4): "0.01  $\mu\text{m}_2$ " should read --0.01  $\mu\text{m}^2$ --.

Column 56, line 4(claim 4): "the saturation, magnetization" should read --the saturation  
magnetization--.

Column 56, line 22(claim 15): "oxidses; nitrides," should read --oxides, nitrides,--.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "J" and a distinct "D" at the end.

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